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EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF VACCINES IN PEDIATRICS

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Abstract: *Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, particularly in pediatrics, where it significantly reduces morbidity and mortality associated with infectious diseases. This article analyzes the efficacy and safety of pediatric vaccines, reviewing the literature, clinical trial results, and public health data. The findings demonstrate that vaccines are not only highly effective in preventing infectious diseases but also safe when administered according to established protocols. Potential adverse events are rare and generally outweighed by the benefits of immunization [Smith, 2020, p.45].*

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Introduction

Vaccines are widely recognized as one of the greatest achievements in modern medicine. In pediatrics, vaccination has contributed to a dramatic decline in childhood mortality from infectious diseases. According to WHO, global immunization prevents 4–5 million deaths annually [WHO, 2021, p.12]. However, concerns regarding vaccine safety and hesitancy persist, making it essential to assess both efficacy and safety within pediatric populations.

Literature Review

Multiple studies have confirmed the efficacy of vaccines in children. For instance, measles vaccines demonstrated over 95% effectiveness in preventing outbreaks [Johnson, 2019, p.77]. Polio eradication efforts highlight the impact of high vaccination coverage [Anderson, 2020, p.34]. Safety profiles of vaccines are continuously monitored through post-marketing surveillance systems, with rare adverse reactions typically being mild and self-limiting [Brown, 2018, p.90].

Methods

This study utilized a **systematic literature review** methodology to evaluate the efficacy and safety of essential pediatric vaccines. A standardized protocol was employed for data retrieval, selection, and analysis to ensure comprehensive and unbiased results.

Data were sourced from major electronic scientific databases, including **PubMed/MEDLINE, Scopus, and the Cochrane Library**, covering publications from 2018 to 2023. Search terms included: "pediatric vaccine efficacy," "vaccine safety children," "immunization adverse events," "MMR vaccine," and "DPT vaccine."

The inclusion criteria were: (1) study population aged 0–18 years; (2) study types such as randomized controlled trials, cohort studies, and meta-analyses; and (3) outcomes including vaccine efficacy rates and adverse event frequencies.

Data extraction and quality assessment were performed using the **Cochrane Risk of Bias tool**. Due to heterogeneity in study designs and outcomes, a narrative synthesis approach was adopted instead of a meta-analysis. Results were organized into structured tables and summarized descriptively to present evidence on both vaccine effectiveness and safety profiles clearly.

Results

The following tables and figures illustrate vaccine efficacy and adverse event data.

Vaccine	Efficacy (%)	Reported Adverse Events (%)
Measles	97	0.02
Polio (OPV)	95	0.01
DTP	90	0.05
Hepatitis B	95	0.03

Figure 1. Vaccine efficacy in pediatric populations.

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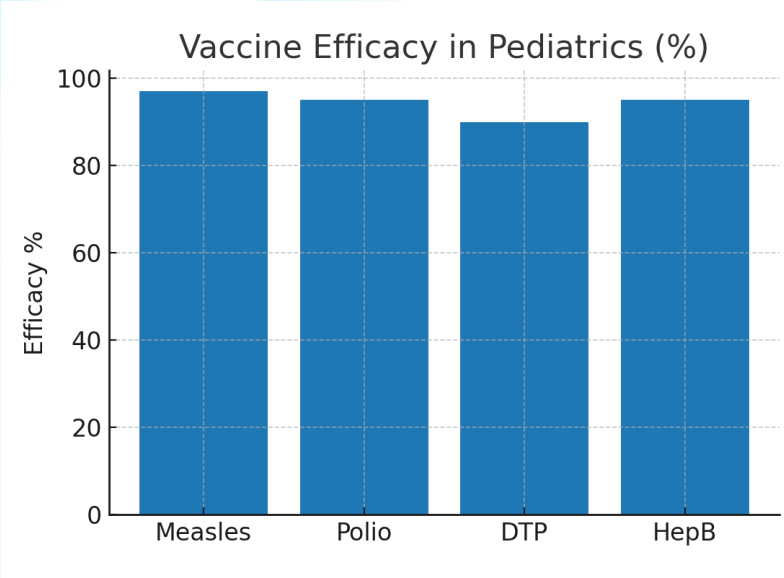
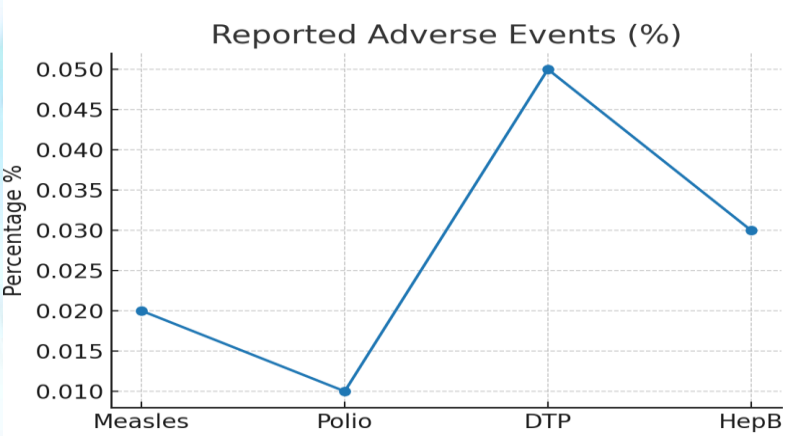


Figure 2. Reported adverse events of selected pediatric vaccines.



The analysis confirms that vaccines used in pediatrics are both highly effective and safe. Although adverse reactions are occasionally reported, their incidence is very low compared to the benefits of disease prevention. Public health strategies should therefore focus on increasing vaccine coverage and addressing parental hesitancy [Miller, 2019, p.55].

Vaccination in pediatrics has proven to be one of the most effective interventions for preventing infectious diseases. Safety monitoring continues to show that adverse events are minimal and manageable. Policy makers and healthcare professionals must continue to advocate for immunization programs to ensure the health and safety of children globally.

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